

Docket No.: 163-588

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT OPERATIONS

In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: not known) Examiner:
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Filed: December 14, 2004)
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For: **PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION OF THE WATER PRODUCED IN
THE CATALYTIC OXIDATION OF AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS TO
POLYCARBOXYLIC AROMATIC ACIDS**

New York, NY 10036
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above identified application as follows: